

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede*

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Parish Newsletter

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Thanks to everyone who was involved in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations and Masses.

Our Mini Triduum was a lovely occasion, and the presence of some of the children from our three primary schools partaking in the liturgy was great to see. Our parish at its best, young and old worshipping together. Thanks especially to the SVP who provided the refreshments after the Mass.

I have had many positive comments on the Mass of the Lord's Supper held at St. Godric's – the welcome, the ambience of the church and the wonderful music. It all added to the solemnity of the occasion.

Good Friday at St. Joseph's again was a very moving service as we reflected on the death of Jesus.

The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses were well supported and uplifting occasions.

Again, thanks to everyone involved in organising and partaking over those days – the Liturgy Group, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Flower arrangers, Stewards/Welcomers, Cleaners. We are blessed as a parish with all our wonderful volunteers.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 16 th April	St. Bernadette Soubirous Rel
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Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sean Casey	Nicola Dawson
Brian Harland	Jared Howarth
Cud Hall	Halusia Good
Bridget Grehan-Bradley	Helen Tumelty
Kitty Trainor	Margaret Robinson
Betty Eccles	Tony Twomey
Ann Courican	

Anniversaries

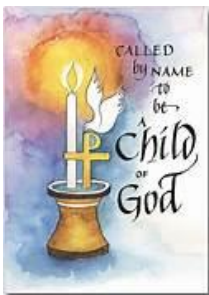
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Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Joyce Robson, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 26th April at 10.00am. *Requiescat in pace.*

Funeral this week

Laura Malarkey, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 16th April at 11.30am. *Requiescat in pace.*



Baptism – we welcome into our parish community, Evelyn Kate Moran, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday, 13th April, at St. Godric's Church.

Thank you from Ann and Bob Close for the cards, flowers and prayers received on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary.





There will be a coffee morning on **Monday 22nd April** in St Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. It will take place straight after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Northern Brethren Fund

This weekend we invite you to contribute to a special collection to support the sick and retired priests of our diocese. There are no donating envelopes available, but forms are available in the porch/Narthex if you wish to Gift Aid a donation or set up a Standing Order for the NBF. (Open until 28th April).



Movie Night - Thursday, 18th April 7.00pm

By popular request 'The Miracle Club' (12) starring Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates and Agnes O'Casey. This is a heartfelt story of friendship, family and forgiveness. Close friends win the trip of a lifetime - a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Each woman is desperately in need of a personal miracle, the trip seems like an answer to all their prayers Don't forget to bring a cushion if necessary! Light refreshments will be served.



Durham Martyrs Walking Group – April 2024

Our next walk will be the popular 'Bluebell Walk' through Houghall Woods on **Saturday 20th April**. The varied walk will take us through attractive woodland (hopefully filled with bluebells!), open areas and riverbank. The route is a distance of 3.1 miles, all well walked, but some of the paths in the woods are uneven with a number of steps.

The walk starts at **10.15 am** at the end of Houghall Lane (small parking area or parking available amongst trees at The Pump House).

For those who would like a longer walk meet at St Joseph's car park at 9.30am and we will walk down to Houghall via Old Durham and Maiden Castle. (this would add approximately another 3 miles to the walk).

It would be very helpful if you could let Marjorie know if you plan to join us so that we know who to expect and where you are joining the walk.

Thank you from Sanctuary 21 and St Margaret's Centre

A big thank you to members of our parish team for running the Sanctuary 21 café and to all those who attended the coffee and crafts fundraising event on 23rd March. It was a very enjoyable and successful event and the funds raised will make a big difference in supporting those who are homeless or experiencing mental ill-health, and sometimes both at the same time.



We hope to make this a regular event but need more volunteers to enable this to happen. If you feel you can spare an hour or two to support our parish homelessness support team in the Sanctuary 21 café on a Saturday once every couple of months, then please contact me through the parish office.

Thank you. Peter Thompson.



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de Paul Society
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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB Results– April 2024

1st (£50)	No. 32
Elizabeth McCabe	Parish of the Durham Martyrs
J. Gibbins	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend
2nd (£25)	No. 35
M. Willcock	St. Charles, Gosforth
Ann Anderson	Tynemouth Priory, St. Edwards, Whitley Bay

With many thanks for your continued support

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

From the Diocese

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Administrator, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 16th April.

IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 21st April.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on (0191) 243 3301.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL

St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken on **Good Shepherd Sunday (20/21 April)**. If you wish to make a private contribute, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

Durham Churches Together Walking Trails

At the back of both churches, there are a few copies of a small booklet entitled "The Saints of Durham Churches Walking Trails." (The Parish Walking Group undertook this walk recently).

Both trails involve steps and the distance of each is approximately 2.5 miles. If interested, please take a copy.

Change of Mass Time – St. Joseph's

Please note that the Friday morning Mass on 19th April has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

14th April 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 13 April		5.00pm Vigil Mass Les and Norah Finlay
Sunday 14 April	9.00am Pauline Chatterjee 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Henry Allot
Monday 15 April	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 16 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Ken Riddle	NO MASS
Wednesday 17 April	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Deceased Benefactors of the SVP
Thursday 18 April	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin and Valerie Hamilton Anniversary	NO MASS
Friday 19 April	NO MASS	9.00am The Capuchin Friars and Bill Ince Anniversary
Saturday 20 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Jack Bradley (SVP) and Alan Codling (Illness)
Sunday 21 April	9.00am Fr. Francis Rice Anniversary and deceased priests of the Parish	10.30am Albert Lawton (SVP)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm